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1. Deutsch-Wagram. Since 1951, a special political unit composed of five officers and ten men of the Soviet Air Force has been quartered in a villa at Friedhofsallee 75, Deutsch-Wagram, Lower Austria. The unit is strictly separated from other troops, and entrance to the villa is prohibited. The unit is locally believed to belong to the MVD.
2. Horn. During the first half of February 1954, a Soviet Signal Unit consisting of two officers and 30 men was observed near Zogelsdorf, south of Eggenburg, Bezirk 70, Horn, Lower Austria. The unit had made a small clearing on a wooded hill and erected two barracks. It is reported that a radio or direction-finder station will be built and that the strength of the unit will be increased to 70 men.
3. Amstetten. During the first week of February 1954, the radio station in the court of the Amstetten Kommandantura was reported dismantled.
4. Mistelbach. In February 1954, the following troops were reported stationed in Mistelbach, Lower Austria: three or four officers, several non-commissioned officers, and about 10 men at the Kommandantura in the former Sparkasse building; 10 or 12 officers, and about 50 men in the barracks. Three or four apartments in Mistelbach are rented by officers.
5. The lieutenant colonel commanding the Mistelbach Kommandantura has been hospitalized for several months in Vienna. His duties are fulfilled by a major. The Political Officer is responsible also for Bezirk Mollabrunn. A Russian civilian serves as interpreter.
6. St. Peter in der Au. In February 1954, it was reported that the castle at St. Peter in der Au, Lower Austria, had been rented by its present owners, the Austrian Red Cross, to the Soviet occupation forces for 60,000 schillings per year for a period of five years.
7. Hainburg. On 24 November 1953, a Soviet military unit of battalion strength arrived in Hainburg an der Donau, Lower Austria, and was quartered in the Scholsskaserne. The unit is motorized and equipped with rocket launchers mounted on Studebaker trucks. Single vehicles are frequently observed driving toward Bruck an der Leitha, presumably for firing practice. A building belonging to the Hainburg tobacco factory has been

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rented for the families of a lieutenant colonel and a captain. The unit is reported to have come from maneuvers at Doellersheim and is probably the same which was quartered in the winter of 1952-1953 in Hainburg, since several officers have been recognized by local inhabitants.

8. Gaming. On 10 February 1954, a Soviet troop transport equipped with four tanks, two assault guns, four trucks and one sidecar motorcycle arrived by rail from the direction of Pöchlarn in Kienberg-Gaming, Lower Austria. The same day troops with 18 trucks and 12 heavy anti-tank guns arrived from the direction of Scheibbs. The two transports, strengthened by troops and vehicles from units stationed in the Karthause in Gaming, left Gaming on 11 February 1954 and were observed passing through Scheibbs on Highway 25. On 12 February, a Soviet military transport with 10 trucks and two anti-tank guns arrived in Gaming and the troops were quartered in the Karthause.<sup>1</sup>
9. Klosterneuburg. About 23 February 1954, elements of the 48th Pioneer Regiment left Klosterneuburg in trucks for Bruck an der Leitha.
10. It was rumored among Soviet officer personnel in Klosterneuburg during February that dependents of Soviet officers would again begin to arrive from the USSR.<sup>2</sup> According to the rumor, arrivals would be restricted to a certain number each month.
11. Czech Border Area. In January-February 1954, Czech jet fighters were observed crossing the Austrian border at Bratislava-Theben on an average of two or three times a week. The planes flew at altitudes of 1,000 to 2,000 feet.

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<sup>1</sup> Comment. These troops were not formerly stationed in Gaming and may possibly be replacements for the troops which departed on 11 February.

<sup>2</sup> Comment. The cancellation of the arrival of dependents from the USSR occurred about 1 January 1954.

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